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MEMORANDUM TO:

Executive for P & A

Subject:

Suggested Changes in Administrative Order []

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Reference:

Chief, Security Division's memo 19 March 1947

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1. The Security Branch, OCD, has studied the subject memo and concurs generally in the substance of [] suggestions but feels that, in general, the amendment of CIG Administrative Order [] is not desirable in that it was, in its present form, concurred in by the IAB agencies and meets their requirements. It is felt that the points covered in the subject memo could be set forth in an administrative interpretation to CIG Administrative Memo [] or could be included as interpretative recommendations or notes in any contemplated manual of regulations.

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2. The reasons behind the foregoing conclusions are set forth in greater detail below.

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a. Subparagraph 2a

The interpretation given in subject memo is essentially that which was contemplated in the drafting of the original policy document. There is no objection to following the suggested amendment as a matter of administrative practice, but its inclusion in the basic policy (CIG Administrative Order []) may prove too restrictive in the event that an individual case might call for some latitude of decision.

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b. Paragraph 4

Revision of this paragraph is not recommended. Under the terms of the paragraph as now written information derived from 10 years of honorable service "may, at the option of the Director of Central Intelligence, constitute the basis for clearance....." (underlining supplied). Under this wording it could be made known administratively in the name of the Director of Central Intelligence that the option will not be exercised except in the case of civil servants above a certain grade and Army and Navy personnel above stated ranks.

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2. Paragraph 5

There appears to be no objection to the addition of the suggested sentence if the desired end cannot be attained administratively. In order to leave the Director of Central Intelligence some discretion in individual cases, however, it is suggested that the sentence be changed to read "...immediate employment (assignment) and shall not preclude the completion of a full investigation".

2. Paragraph 6

The procedure suggested is sound but the desired end could be attained through administrative procedures.

2. Paragraph 9

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Paragraph 9 is not fully concurred in. Since CIA Administrative Order [] charges the Personnel Division with obtaining completed forms 57 and 32-1 from the prospective employees, the employing or initiating office would have no knowledge of circumstances requiring the exception until after the investigation reports have been completed. Thus, it would be impossible for the requests for exception to accompany the 37-3 at the time it is forwarded to the Personnel Division, unless CIA Administrative Order [] is suitably amended.

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"Signed"

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